

JOHN WANAMAKER IS THE GERMAN KAISER'S GUEST.



The Emperor William and John Wanamaker.

The Philadelphia Merchant, While Cruising in Norwegian Waters, Visits Emperor William on the Yacht Hohenzollern.

John Wanamaker returned to America yesterday with the rare experience of having been the guest of an Emperor among his reminiscences.

Mr. Wanamaker was on the Augusta Victoria when she was cruising in the vicinity of Norway. The Hohenzollern, Kaiser William of Germany's yacht, was in that vicinity also, and the German Emperor sent aboard a message expressing his wish to receive on board the Hohenzollern a representative American from among the Victoria's passengers. Captain Kempf placed out Mr. Wanamaker as the most representative American, and the great merchant was soon on board the royal yacht.

In the hour spent there Kaiser Wilhelm implanted a feeling of deep respect for him-

self and his abilities.

"It was an unusual and great courtesy on the part of His Majesty," said Mr. Wanamaker. "To give me an hour of his time as well as his personal attention in showing me over the yacht."

"The Emperor impressed me greatly. I found him a man of intellect and breadth. His interest in things American appeared intense and intelligent, and his questions were those of a man who knew just what he wanted to get at. I do not think it would be courteous for me to repeat our conversation, although, of course, the fate of nations did not hang on what we said."

"To me the Emperor seemed full of high purpose. He seemed a man who not only desired to be considered a great ruler, but who felt bound to advance the welfare and happiness of his subjects. I am sure that his pride in the traditions and glory of the German Empire will not dim his appreciation of the work that lies before him. I can say I am sure that it will be no fault of the young and vigorous Kaiser if the

relations between America and Germany are not of the most close and cordial character."

"And your part of the conversation, Mr. Wanamaker?"

"I felt that while I was merely a stranger and a private citizen speaking to the ruler of a great nation, by his courtesy, that I represented my country in a way, and I therefore did what I could with what common sense I was enabled to bring to bear to increase the good will of one great nation for another."

"And your personal feeling, Mr. Wanamaker—were you awe-stricken in the presence of the Emperor?"

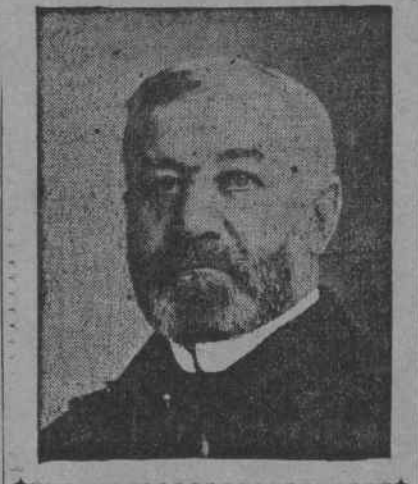
Mr. Wanamaker would not reply directly to this question. But there was a look in his eye that almost amounted to a twinkle. It is easy to deduce that if there was any embarrassment when the ex-Postmaster-General of the United States visited William Hohenzollern, of Germany, the embarrassment was not on the side of the Yankee.

CROKER VISITS HIS FAMILY AT THE SPRINGS.

Leader Goes to His Richfield Farm for Two Days of His Vacation and Will Reach Saratoga on Monday Night.

He Dodges Those Who Wanted to See Him Here, but Leaves Word That He Will Be in the City Again Tuesday Evening.

Interested in Plans of the Democratic Club for the Entertainment of Admiral Dewey on His Arrival Here.



Richard Croker, Who Was Lost and Found. Photo Copyright by Rockwood.

Richard Croker is at Richfield Springs. He left Foxhurst yesterday at an early hour and came directly to New York. Foxhurst is the beautiful summer home of ex-Senator John Fox, at Baldwin's, L. I.

Mr. Croker's stock farm is at Richfield Springs. Mr. Croker with his three sons are summering there. Mr. Croker is now with his family.

His plans include remaining there to-day and to-morrow. This will only give him a short time in which to enjoy his first visit to his farm since his return from Europe.

Mr. Croker expects to go to Saratoga late on Monday. He has sent word to certain of his confidential friends in this city that he will attend the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Democratic Club to be held Tuesday evening. He also informed these men yesterday that they need not expect to see him in New York before that time.

Mr. Croker's further plans are to spend the latter part of next week in Saratoga. He would have gone to Saratoga before this had he not wished a rest from politics and political talk for a fortnight or so. At Saratoga, Mr. Croker will doubtless busy himself with the other leaders, in making up slates for the county and city tickets. He will also devote himself to work preliminary to the election of delegates to the next Democratic National Convention.

Ex-Senator John Fox laughed yesterday when he was asked about Mr. Croker's visit.

"Why, do you know that I have not seen Mr. Croker since his return from Europe," said the Senator. "He has simply been after a good, long rest. Being the chief of a great political organization which is soon to enter upon an important campaign makes a man tired sometimes. I understand Mr. Croker will be in New York next Tuesday. I haven't the slightest idea where he is now."

At the meeting of the Board of Governors to be held at the Democratic Club next Tuesday afternoon, it will be made for a reception to Admiral Dewey to be held soon after his arrival here. Mr. Croker is an intimate friend of the Admiral and his personal regard for him is so strong that a portrait of the Admiral forms the dressing case of his bedroom at the Democratic Club. Within a few hours after learning of the annihilation of the Spanish fleet at Manila Mr. Croker proposed the Admiral as an honorary member of the Democratic Club. He was elected, of course.

Admiral Dewey has already been commended with a number of medals on which he will find it convenient to favor the club with his presence. A reply to this communication is expected at any time. At the meeting Tuesday night a reception committee will be named to meet the Admiral on his arrival and another committee will be selected to entertain him at the club. The club house will be decorated most elaborately and it is proposed to erect a big platform from the entrance to the curb, from which the members of the club with their wives and sweethearts can witness the Dewey street pageant.

ACCUSED OF AIDING HER HUSBAND TO MURDER SON.

Woman Said to Have Brought Another Weapon When the First One Failed.

Houlton, Me., Sept. 1.—As a result of the shooting of Oliver Oakes by his father, at Houlton, Me., yesterday, Abner Oakes and his wife have been arrested, charged with murder. As Oliver Oakes was going across his father's field yesterday his father set the dog on him. The son protested and the men quarrelled.

When they reached the house, Abner Oakes rushed in and reappeared with a shotgun, which he discharged at his son. The son, who fell dead. The body rolled into a ditch and the couple let it lie there. A passerby found it, and the authorities were notified. Abner Oakes is said to be an ex-convict.

FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERVIEW WITH DEWEY. IN TO-MORROW'S JOURNAL.

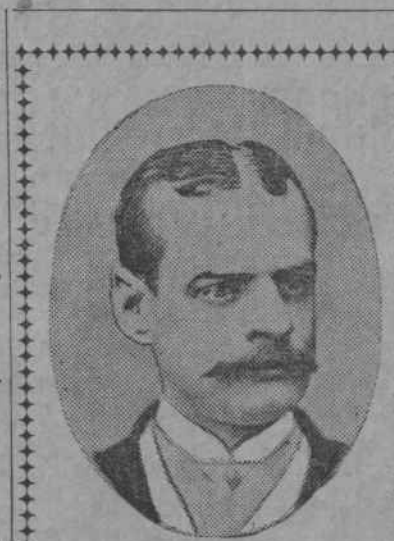
The Admiral talks to J. C. Hemment, the Journal's noted photographer, on the deck of the Olympia. Mr. Hemment snaps the Admiral as he speaks in various characteristic attitudes.

ASTOR WOULD DODGE ALIEN LAW BY SELLING HIS REAL ESTATE.

A Foreigner Now, the State Might Take His Property Any Time.

WORTH \$150,000,000.

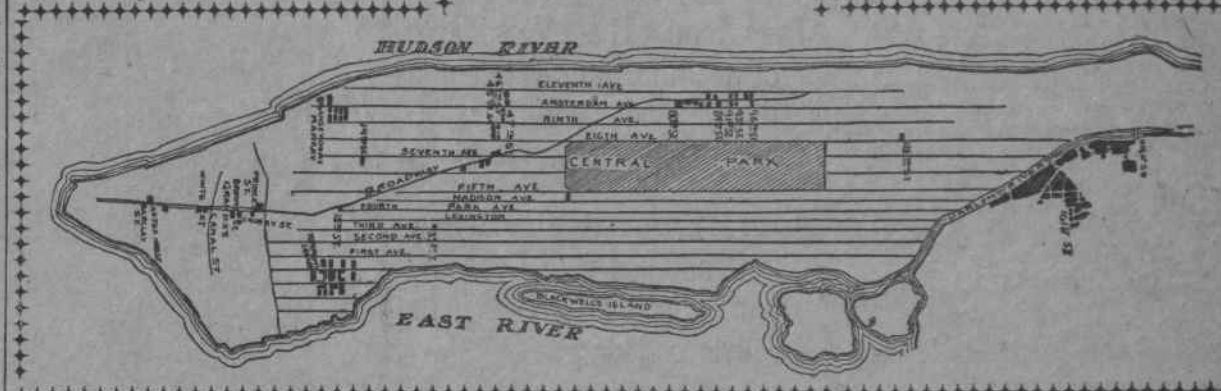
Real Estate Men Do Not Believe the Property Is in the Market.



His London Agent Says His Chief Is Tired of Things American.

AN ENGLISH ESTATE.

May Invest His Fortune in London and Entail It for the New Line.



This Shows the Property William Waldorf Astor Owns in New York.

One-half of Astor House, on Broadway, block front from Vesey to Barclay streets.

The vacant store and office building, at the southeast corner of Broadway and Duane street.

The marble front store and left building, at the southeast corner of Broadway and White street.

The similar building on the northeast corner of Broadway and White street.

The store and left building on the northeast corner of Broome and Crosby streets.

The store and left building, No. 404 Broadway.

The store and left buildings on the northwest corner of Broadway and Prince street, extending through to Mercer street. (The store floors are occupied by Rogers, Peet & Co.)

The similar buildings on the southeast corner of Broadway and Prince street.

The Star Theatre, with office buildings and stores, on the northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth street, extending through to Fourth avenue.

THESE HOTELS.

The Waldorf, northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Thirtieth street.

The Normandie, southwest corner of Broadway and Forty-sixth street.

The St. Cloud, southeast corner of Broadway and Forty-second street.

From a Staff Correspondent.

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London, Sept. 1.—Nothing has been heard at William Waldorf Astor's office regarding the syndicate that is said to have been formed in New York for the purpose of purchasing Mr. Astor's property in America. The report is utterly discredited.

By Associated Press.

London, Sept. 1.—Adams, the agent here of Mr. William Waldorf Astor, confirms the report from New York saying that the real estate of Mr. Astor is to be sold. He adds that the sale of the Astor estate in America will take place at an early date, "but by private treaty." Adams declined to say whether the sale would be to a syndicate, nor would he give any details, adding:

"Mr. Astor has given stringent instructions that no information is to be given to any reporter and he threatens to immediately dismiss any employee giving such information. He has washed his hands of America and American methods, and desires no longer to be connected in any way with that country."

Statement of W. W. Astor Three Weeks Ago.

"Where would I invest the money which would come to me from the sale of the property? Do you know of a safer or a more profitable investment than Manhattan Island realty?"

These three widely divergent statements all bear upon the reported purpose of William Waldorf Astor to divorce himself utterly from America, to part with all of his one hundred and twenty or one hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of New York real estate and to rid himself absolutely of all connection with the land of his birth.

William Waldorf Astor is now a British subject. His son is about to enter the Life Guards, the household troops of Queen Victoria. New York real estate is in such demand that there is no doubt of Astor's ability to dispose of the whole of his enormous holdings if he sees fit. Then all he would have to do would be to change the name of the estate from the Astor family to that of English guineas, and he would be relieved forever of his painful connection with things American.

The real estate men in New York say the story is moonshine—ridiculous, absurd. The lawyers, on the other hand, see nothing to doubt in the wonder in the story. In certain remote contingencies all Astor's holdings would revert to the State, and there is even doubt as to his ability to dispose of them by will.

No One Has the Money.

The amount of William Waldorf Astor's New York property is greater by 50 per cent than the funded debt of New York City before consolidation. Nobody has, of course, money enough to pay the \$150,000,000 or so that would represent the real estate. The payments would have to be by instalments, 3 or 4 per cent bonds, and unless financial folly has developed in recent generations no Astor would ever make such a trade.

The original story had it that John W. Mackay would be at the head of a syndicate that made the purchase. Mackay's fortune is colossal enough to make it possible for him to organize such a syndicate and carry it through. But it would be an enterprise of an entirely different character from any ever undertaken by Mr. Mackay. He is now in San Francisco. Nobody could be found last night who had authority to speak for him.

Levy's Hand in It.

Mr. Levy, who has been mentioned in connection with the syndicate, is a man of fortune and that fortune is largely in New York City real estate. If he turned it all into cash he would be able to buy about 1 per cent of what Mr. Astor has to sell.

These facts, while they tend to throw

The New Netherlands, northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

The Colonial, southwest corner of Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

The northeast corner of Broadway and Forty-second street, including half the block front on Broadway, with old buildings on the corner, and Shanley's restaurant, adjoining on Broadway.

The block fronts on west side of Broadway (Long Acre Square), from Forty-third to Forty-fifth streets.

Several lots on the site of the Selgel-Cooper store.

Many lots on Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth streets, between Broadway and the North River.

Several blocks north of Gansevoort Market.

Numerous lots and buildings on West End avenue and Broadway, from Eightieth to One Hundredth streets.

Block after block in the streets and avenues around about Tompkins Square.

Acres of land with water front on the east bank of the Harlem River, north of One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street up to High Bridge.

Extensive tracts north of the Bronx River, and large holdings near the yards of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, about One Hundred and Sixty-first street, east of the Harlem River.

Besides these, numerous single lots and small buildings all over the city.

doubt on the story, do not by any means make it impossible. The Associated Press reads out from London an interview with an intimate friend of William Waldorf Astor, who would not permit his name to be used. This friend says the deal has been under consideration for a week.

"I am not permitted to give the details," the interview continues, "but it is certain that any arrangement arrived at will be with Englishmen well known in the financial world. The deal has not been arranged, and any figures mentioned are mere fanciful guesses. At this stage I should not be surprised if Mr. Astor denied the deal."

Reasons for Selling.

Apart from his dislike for anything American, it is easy to conceive why Mr. Astor might want to sell his property. Being now a resident and a citizen of England, he would wish his fortune to be there also, and, not being able to transfer the land, he might transfer its price and invest it in English real estate. There he could, as a British subject, be sure of his money.

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25 POISONED AT A WEDDING FEAST.

Every Doctor in the Town Called Out of Bed.

ONE CASE CRITICAL.

Ice Cream Suspected of Being the Cause of the Commotion.

Middletown, Conn., Sept. 1.—Death may be the result of a wedding feast that was given here yesterday. Twenty-five persons were poisoned, and one, a woman, is still in a critical condition.

It was a social event of importance, the marriage of Harry Fisher and Miss E. Farnham. The principal people in town were there. After the ceremony a large reception was given at the home of the bride's parents. There were congratulatory speeches and good things to eat and drink.

It may have been the ice cream caused the trouble. If so the discovery will relieve the affair of all disquieting mystery. Tyrotoxicosis, or ice cream poisoning, is an established danger entirely independent of evil intent. Professor Atwater, of Wesleyan College, who is learned in the chemistry of articles of food, has taken the remains of the cream for analysis.

Not until the middle of the night did the symptoms of poisoning manifest themselves. Then it appeared at homes widely scattered. Every doctor in town was called out of bed to give emetics to morning patients. In all cases the suffering was very intense, and the relatives of those afflicted were greatly alarmed.

Fortunately for young Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, they had been too happy and too excited to do more than make a polite pretence of eating anything. Hence their happiness was not marred by the misfortune that visited their guests.

The person most seriously affected is Mrs. Oscar Hubbard, of North Haven. Whereas the other patients were nearly all much better this morning, her condition was such as to alarm the doctors.

Nobody, so far as can be learned, entertains the idea that the poisoning was intentional.

HONEST BOY GETS \$25 FOR GEMS WORTH \$1,000.

They Had Been Lost, but the Owner Repudiates an Advertised Reward of \$100.

William Collins, thirteen years old, of Grand place, Arlington, N. J., while riding a tricycle along Passaic avenue in that place on last Tuesday, found a small bag lying in the road. It was filled with jewelry. On the following day a reward of \$100 was advertised for the return of the jewelry, which was valued at \$1,000, to John Bradley, of Rutherford.

Communicated with Mr. Bradley, who identified the jewelry as the property of his mother, who lost it. Mrs. Bradley's son, with a constable, went to Recorder Krebs to-day and asked that an order be signed compelling Collins to give up the jewelry. The order was denied, but Collins gave up the jewelry voluntarily.

When asked about the reward advertised Bradley said he knew nothing about it, but finally agreed to give \$25 to Collins.

Floods in Porto Rico.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Sept. 1.—Heavy rains have caused an unusual freshet and the people, frightened on account of the recent hurricanes, are leaving their houses and are being quartered in the public buildings. The soldiers, police and firemen work all night. The floods are impassable, and no further serious damage has been done.

IS JOSEPHINE HALL ABOUT TO MARY ALFRED AARONS?



Miss Josephine Hall, Who May Soon Be Mrs. Aarons.

Somewhere told somebody else, who whispered it to a friend, who repeated it in confidence, that Miss Josephine Hall and Alfred E. Aarons were engaged to be married. Miss Hall is young, beautiful and a brunette. Mr. Aarons is young, handsome and blond. Miss Hall has never had any matrimonial entanglements; Mr. Aarons, owing to legal action taken by him after a recent unfortunate domestic affair, is free to marry again whenever he pleases. They have been good friends for some years, and it was natural enough to link their names together.

There are many friends who would like to congratulate the young people, but unfortunately the persons most interested will not give them an opportunity, though both look suspiciously happy.

Mr. Aarons, when approached on the subject yesterday, blushed, but said nothing. A Journal reporter found Miss Hall in the rear of Dr. Fitzgibbon's office on the stage of the Criterion Theatre, last night.

It was during the first act of "The Girl from Maxim's," and "the girl" was hidden from sight of the audience by heavy curtains.

"It is true," asked the reporter, who stood behind a piece of scenery representing a wall of the doctor's room.

"Is what true?" demanded "the girl."

"Are you going to be married?"

"In a place where nobody can see."

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